Alternative Test Method Project Milestones

This page provides a current summary of the status of ongoing and completed NICEATM-ICCVAM alternative test method evaluation projects, as well as projects to which NICEATM, ICCVAM, and agency scientists are contributing.

Alternative test methods:

- Reduce the number of animals used to the minimum number required to obtain scientifically valid data
- Refine procedures to lessen or eliminate animal pain and distress
- Replace animals with non-animal systems or one animal species with a less highly developed one (for example, replacing a mouse with a fish)

Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Up-and-Down Procedure (oral)	V	V	V	√	2002	2002 (OECD TG 425)
Fixed Dose Procedure (oral)	√	V	V	√	2002	2002 (OECD TG 420)
Acute Toxic Class Method (oral)	√	V	V	√	2002	2002 (OECD TG 423)
In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods: 3T3 cells	√	V	V	√	2008	2010 (OECD GD 129)
In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods: NHK cells	√	V	V	√	2008	2010 (OECD GD 129)

Acute Inhalation Systemic Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Acute Toxic Class Method (inhalation)	√	V	$\sqrt{}$	(Not applicable – adopted via OECD Test Guideline)		2009 (OECD TG 436)
Fixed Dose Procedure (inhalation)	√	V	Anticipated 2010 (OECD)	(Not applicable – to be adopted via OECD Test Guideline)		Anticipated 2010 (OECD)

Acute Dermal Systemic Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evalua-tion	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Up-and-Down Procedure (dermal)	√	In progress: Anticipated 2010	Anticipated 2011	Anticipated. 2011	Anticipated 2012	

In Vitro Metabolism and Toxicokinetics Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evalua-tion	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Provision of a Standard for Human Hepatic Metabolism and Toxicity by Assessing as an Indicator Biotransformation Enzyme Induction Using HepaRG® Cells and Cryopreserved Human Hepatocytes	V	In progress: Anticipated 2011	Anticipated 2011 (OECD)	(Not applicable via OECD Te	– to be adopted est Guideline)	Anticipated 2012 (OECD)

Dermal Corrosivity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Valida-tion	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Corrositex® Assay	√	√	√	√	2000	2006 (OECD TG 435)
EpiDerm TM Assay	√	√	√	√	2004	2004 (OECD TG 431)
EPISKIN TM Assay	√	√	√	√	2004	2004 (OECD TG 431)
Rat Transcutaneal Electrical Resistance Assay	√	V	V	V	2004	2004 (OECD TG 430)
SkinEthic RHE Assay	√	√	√	√	2004	2004 (OECD TG 431)
LabCyte EPI- MODEL24 Assay	√	√	In progress: Anticipated 2010 (OECD)			

Dermal Irritation Projects

Test Method	R&D	Valida-tion	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
EpiDerm TM Assay	V	V	In progress: (OECD) Anticipated 2010			
EPISKIN TM Assay	V	V	In progress: (OECD) Anticipated 2010			
SkinEthic RHE Assay	\checkmark	V	$\sqrt{}$	(Not applicable OECD Test	e – adopted via t Guideline)	2010 (OECD TG 439)
LabCyte EPI- MODEL24 Assay	V	V	In progress: (OECD) Anticipated 2010			

Ocular Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommen- dations to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability (BCOP) - Ocular Corrosivity/Severe Irritation	V	V	V	√	2008	2009 (OECD TG 437)
Isolated Chicken Eye (ICE) - Ocular Corrosivity/Severe Irritation	√	V	V	V	2008	2009 (OECD TG 438)
Hen's Egg Test/Choriallantoic Membrane (HET-CAM) - Ocular Corrosivity/Severe Irritation	\checkmark	V	√	method was not s	ew in 2007 found ufficiently accura ommended addition	te for regulatory
Isolated Rabbit Eye (IRE) - Ocular Corrosivity/Severe Irritation	V	V	V	method was not s	ew in 2007 found ufficiently accura ommended addition	te for regulatory
Integrated Non-animal Testing Strategy for Eye Irritation Potential of Antimicrobial Cleaning Products	\checkmark	V	V	V	Anticipated 2011	
BCOP - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	$\sqrt{}$	√	√	√	Anticipated 2011	
HET-CAM - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	√	√	√	√	Anticipated 2011	
ICE - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	$\sqrt{}$	√	√	√	Anticipated 2011	
IRE - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	√	√	√	√	Anticipated 2011	
Cytosensor Microphysiometer Test Method	$\sqrt{}$	√	√	√	Anticipated 2011	
Routine use of topical anesthestics, systemic analgesics and humane endpoints in <i>in vivo</i> testing	V	V	V	V	Anticipated 2011	
The <i>In Vivo</i> Low Volume Eye Test	$\sqrt{}$	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	-	
Fluorescein Leakage Test Method - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	√	V	V	ICCVAM reviewed in 2009; however, because the validation study data were not publicly available, ICCVAM recommendations were not made		
Neutral Red Release Test Method - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	\checkmark	V	ICCVAM	AM review in 2009 found that this test method was not adequately validated for regulatory use		
Red Blood Cell Haemolysis Test Method - Nonsevere Ocular Irritation	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	ICCVAM	review in 2008 foun adequately validate		

Immunotoxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)	\checkmark	V	$\sqrt{}$	√	1999	2002 (OECD TG 429)
Updated LLNA protocol (20% animal reduction)	$\sqrt{}$	V	\checkmark	√	2010	2010 (Updated OECD TG 429)
Reduced LLNA Test Method	\checkmark	V	$\sqrt{}$	√	2010	2010 (Updated OECD TG 429)
Development of LLNA Performance Standards	$\sqrt{}$	V	\checkmark	√	2010	2010 (Updated OECD TG 429)
Non-radiolabeled LLNA method: LLNA:DA	\checkmark	V	$\sqrt{}$	√	Anticipated 2010	2010 (OECD TG 442A)
Non-radiolabeled LLNA method: LLNA:BrdU- ELISA	$\sqrt{}$	V	√	V	Anticipated 2010	2010 (OECD TG 442B)
Non-radiolabeled LLNA method: LLNA: BrdU- Flow Cytometry	V	Inter- laboratory validation study required				
Use of the LLNA for Testing Pesticide Formulations, Metals, and Aqueous Solutions	V	V	V	V	Anticipated 2010	2010 (Updated OECD TG 429)
Use of the LLNA for Skin Sensitization Potency Categorization	V	√	Anticipated 2010	Anticipated 2010	Anticipated 2011	

Dermal Phototoxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
3T3 NRU Phototoxicity		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	(Not applicable – adopted via		2004 (OECD
Test				OECD Test Guideline)		TG 432)
3T3 NRU Phototoxicity Test: Application to UV Filter Chemicals	√	\checkmark	√	(Not applicable – adopted via OECD Test Guideline)		2004 (OECD TG 432)

Dermal Absorption Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
In Vitro Dermal	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		(Not applicable – adopted via		2004 (OECD
Absorption				OECD Test Guideline)		TG 428)

Genetic Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
In Vitro Micronucleus Assay	√	$\sqrt{}$	√	(Not applicable – adopted via OECD Test Guideline)		2010 (OECD TG 487)
In vivo comet assay	$\sqrt{}$	In progress				
In vitro comet assay		In progress				
Cell transformation assays	V		In progress			
BHAS cell transformation assay	√	In progress				

Developmental Toxicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Frog Embryo Teratogenesis Assay: Xenopus (FETAX)	V	V	V	sufficiently relia	vin 2000 found that ble for regulatory unions for improving reliability	use and provided

Endocrine Disruptor Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
In vitro Andogen Receptor (AR) Binding	$\sqrt{}$				conducted to date to future validation	
In vitro AR Transcriptional Activation (TA)	√				conducted to date t n future validation	
In vitro Estrogen Receptor (ER) Binding	$\sqrt{}$				conducted to date to future validation	
In vitro ER TA	√				conducted to date to future validation	
LUMICELL® ER TA Assay Evaluation	√	√	Anticipated 2011	Anticipated 2011	Anticipated 2011	
MCF-7 Cell Proliferation Assay Evaluation	√	In progress: Anticipated 2010	Anticipated 2011	Anticipated 2011	Anticipated 2011	

Pyrogenicity Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
The Human Whole Blood/IL- 1 <i>In Vitro</i> Pyrogen Test	√	√	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	2009	
The Human Whole Blood/ IL-1 <i>In Vitro</i> Pyrogen Test Using Cryopreserved Human Whole Blood	V	V	V	V	2009	
The Human Whole Blood/IL- 6 In Vitro Pyrogen Test (WB/IL-6)	√	V	V	V	2009	
In Vitro Pyrogen Test Using Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMC/IL-6)	V	V	V	V	2009	
An Alternative <i>In Vitro</i> Pyrogen Test Using the Human Monocytoid Cell Line MONO MAC 6 (MM6/IL-6)	V	V	V	V	2009	

Biologics and Vaccines Projects

Test Method	R&D	Validation	Evaluation	Recommenda- tions to U.S. Agencies	U.S. Acceptance	International Acceptance
Humane Endpoints in Animal Testing of Biological Products	√	V	V	√	2004	
Humane Endpoints in Animal Testing of Rabies Vaccines	√	V	V	V	2004	
In Vivo Refinement Alternatives for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing	V	ICCVAM workshop in 2006 assessed the state of the science and concluded that addition development and validation of these methods were needed prior to evaluation by ICCVAM				
Ex Vivo Alternatives for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing	√	ICCVAM workshop in 2006 assessed the state of the science and concluded that addition development and validation of these methods were needed prior to evaluation by ICCVA				
Cell-based Alternatives for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing	√	ICCVAM workshop in 2006 assessed the state of the science and concluded that add development and validation of these methods were needed prior to evaluation by ICC				
Endopeptidase Assay Alternatives for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing	√	ICCVAM workshop in 2006 assessed the state of the science and concluded that addition development and validation of these methods were needed prior to evaluation by ICCVAM				
Alternative Methods for Vaccine Potency and Safety Testing	√	An ICCVAM workshop in September 2010 assessed the state of the science and identifice priorities for research, development, and validation efforts; report detailing conclusion and recommendations to be published in 2011.				

Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Up-And-Down Procedure

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. The Up-And-Down Procedure reduces animal use for this purpose by up to 70%.

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Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
Publication of OECD Test	1998	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg4		
Guideline 425		25.pdf		
Nomination by the U.S.	August	-		
Environmental Protection	1999			
Agency (EPA)				
Peer Review Panel Meeting	July 2000	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/udp_report.htm		
Peer Review Panel Follow-	August	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/udp_report.htm		
up Teleconference	2001			
Test Method Evaluation	November	Vol 1:		
Report Published	2001	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/udpProc/udpfin01/		
		vol_1.pdf		
		Vol 2:		
		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/udpProc/udpfin01/		
		vol_2.pdf		
Recommendations Made to	March	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/udp.htm		
Federal Agencies	2003			
Federal Agency Responses	December	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/udp.htm		
Received	2003			

Fixed Dose Procedure (oral)

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. The Fixed Dose Procedure reduces animal use for this purpose by up to 70%.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Publication of OECD	1998	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD_GL420.pdf
Test Guideline 420		

Acute Toxic Class Method (oral)

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. The Fixed Dose Procedure reduces animal use for this purpose by up to 70%.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Publication of OECD	1998	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD_GL423.pdf
Test Guideline 423		

Evaluation of In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. *In Vitro* Cytotoxicity Test Methods replace animal use for initial dose setting for these tests.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
EPA Nomination	August 1999	-
Workshop Held	October 2000	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/invidocs/IV_doc.htm
Guidance Document Published	August 2001	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/guidance0801/iv_guide.pdf
Workshop Report Published	August 2001	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/finalrpt/finalall0801.pdf
Recommendations Made to Federal Agencies	March 2003	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_cyto.htm
Federal Agency Responses Received	December 2003	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_cyto.htm

Validation Study of In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. Neutral Red Uptake Test Methods replace animal use for initial dose setting for these tests.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Peer Review Panel	May 2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_nru_scpeerrev.htm
Meeting		
Peer Review Panel	June 2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/ATpanelrpt06/ATpanelr
Report Published		pt.pdf
Background Review	November	Vol 1:
Document Published	2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/BRD_TMER/BRDvol1
		<u>Nov2006.pdf</u>
		Vol 2:
		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/acutetox_docs/BRD_TMER/BRDvol2
		_Nov2006.pdf
Test Method Evaluation	November	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_nru_tmer.htm
Report Published	2006	
Recommendations	March	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_nru_recommend.htm
Made to Federal	2008	
Agencies		
Federal Agency	September	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/inv_nru_recommend.htm
Responses Received	2008	
OECD Guidance	July 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-
Document 129		GD129.pdf
Published		

Developing and Advancing In Vitro Alternatives to Acute Chemical Systemic Toxicity Testing

Acute oral systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when ingested so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. An ICCVAM-sponsored workshop explored ways to reduce, refine, or replace animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Workshop Held	February 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/Tox_workshop.htm
Workshop Report	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/acutetox/toxwksp-rpt.htm
Published		

Acute Inhalation Toxicity Acute Toxic Class Method

Acute inhalation systemic toxicity testing identifies substances that are poisonous when inhaled so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. The Acute Toxic Class Method reduces animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Publication of Test	September	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG436.pdf
Guideline 436	2009	

Dermal Corrosivity

Evaluation of Corrositex® for the Identification of Substances Potentially Corrosive to Human Skin

Dermal corrosivity testing identifies substances that cause chemical burns to the skin so that they may				
be appropriately labele	be appropriately labeled and packaged. Corrositex® reduces and refines animal use for this purpose.			
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
Corrositex® Submission	May 1998	-		
Peer Review Panel Meeting	January 1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/dermal/corrode.htm		
Peer Review Panel Report Published	June 1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/reports/corprrep.pdf		
Recommendations Made to Federal Agencies	June 1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/dermal/corrode.htm		
Federal Agency Responses Received	October 1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/dermal/corrode.htm		
Publication of OECD Test Guideline 435	July 2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg435.pdf		

Evaluation of EpiSkinTM, EPIDERMTM and the Rat Skin Transcutaneous Electrical Resistance Assay (TER) for the Identification of Substances Potentially Corrosive to Human Skin

Dermal corrosivity testing identifies substances that cause chemical burns to the skin so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. Use of these *in vitro* tests reduces and refines animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Background Review	August	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/dermal_docs/epis_brd0801.pdf
Document Published	2001	
Test Method Evaluation	June	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/dermal_docs/cwgfinal02/cwgfinal0602
Report Published	2002	.htm
Recommended	May	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/dermal/epiderm/ps/ps044510.pdf
Performance Standards	2004	
Published		
Publication of OECD	July	TG 430 –
Test Guidelines 430 and	2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg430.pdf
431		TG 431 -
		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg431.pdf
Updates Submitted to	July	-
OECD Test Guidelines	2009	
430 and 431		

Dermal Irritation

Evaluation of EpiSkinTM, EPIDERMTM and the SkinEthic RHE Assay for the Identification of Substances Potentially Irritating to Human Skin

Dermal irritation testing identifies substances that cause irritation to the skin so that they may be			
appropriately labeled and p	ackaged. Use of	f these <i>in vitro</i> tests reduces animal use for this purpose.	
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage	
Submission of ICCVAM	August 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/dermal/dermal-oecd.htm	
Comments on Draft Test			
Guideline to U.S. OECD			
National Coordinator			
OECD Expert Meeting	June 2009	-	
Publication of OECD Test	July 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-	
Guideline 439		TG439.pdf	

Ocular Toxicity

In Vitro Test Methods for Detecting Ocular Corrosives and Severe Irritants

- Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Test Method
- Isolated Chicken Eye Test Method
- Isolated Rabbit Eye Test Method
- Hen's Egg Test Chorioallantoic Membrane Test Method

Ocular toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause permanent or temporary blindness. Use of these *in vitro* test methods will reduce and refine animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
	October	
EPA Nomination	2003	-
	January	
Expert Panel Meeting	2005	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/ocu_report.htm
Expert Panel Report	March 2005	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/ocutox_docs/EPreport/ocuEPrpt.pdf
Expert Panel	September	
Teleconference	2005	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/ocu_report.htm

Expert Panel Report	November	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/ocutox_docs/EPreport/addendum/
Addendum	2005	EPrptAddend.pdf
Background Review	October	
Documents Published	2007	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_bckgnd.htm
Test Method		
Evaluation Report	October	
Published	2007	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_TMER.htm
Recommendations		
Made to Federal	October	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/ocu_recommen
Agencies	2007	d.htm
Federal Agency		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/ocu_recommen
Responses Received	May 2008	d.htm
Draft OECD Test		
Guidelines 437		
(BCOP) and 438		
(ICE) Submitted to		
U.S. National		
Coordinator	August 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/OECD.htm
Adoption of OECD	September	
Test Guidelines	2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/ivocutox/OECD.htm

Routine Use of Topical Anesthestics, Systemic Analgesics, and Humane Endpoints In In Vivo Testing

Ocular toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause irritation to the eye. Routine use of topical anesthestics, systemic analgesics, and humane endpoints in *in vivo* testing will refine animal use for this purpose by eliminating or reducing animal pain and distress.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Peer Review Panel		
Meeting	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm
Peer Review Panel		
Report Published	July 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm
Recommendations		
Made to Federal		
Agencies	September 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/pretreat.htm

In Vitro Test Methods for Detecting Nonsevere Ocular Irritants

- Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Test Method
- Isolated Chicken Eye Test Method
- Cytosensor Microphysiometer Test Method
- Isolated Rabbit Eye Test Method
- Hen's Egg Test Chorioallantoic Membrane Test Method

Ocular toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause irritation to the eye. Use of these <i>In Vitro</i>				
Te	st Methods will red	uce and refine animal use for this purpose.		
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
EPA Nomination	October 2003	-		
Peer Review Panel				
Meeting	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Peer Review Panel				
Report Published	July 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Recommendations				
Made to Federal				
Agencies	September 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/MildMod.htm		

In Vitro Test Methods for Detecting Nonsevere Ocular Irritants

- Fluorescein Leakage Test Method
- Neutral Red Release Test Method
- Red Blood Cell Haemolysis Test Method

Ocular toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause irritation to the eye. Use of these *In Vitro*Test Methods will reduce and refine animal use for this purpose.

Milestone Date Document Link or Relevant Webpage

ICCVAM Working Group Comment on Background Review Documents submitted the European Committee for

Non-animal Assessment Approach for Evaluating Eye Irritation Potential of Antimicrobial Cleaning Products

July 2008

Ocular toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause irritation to the eye. Use of this <i>in vitro</i>				
approach could	d replace animal u	se for this purpose to meet EPA labeling requirements.		
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/antimicro/SubmLtr-		
Submission by IIVS	January 2008	Stokes.pdf		
Peer Review Panel				
Meeting	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Peer Review Panel				
Report Published	July 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Recommendations				
Made to Federal				
Agencies	September 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/AMCP.htm		

The In Vivo Low Volume Eye Test

the Validation of Alternative Methods

The low volume eye test is an alternative to the traditional <i>in vivo</i> rabbit eye test is also used as a				
r	reference method for <i>in vitro</i> methods under evaluation.			
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
Peer Review Panel				
Meeting	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Peer Review Panel				
Report Published	July 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/PeerPanel09.htm		
Recommendations				
Made to Federal				
Agencies	September 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/ocutox/AMCP.htm		

Immunotoxicity Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development				
of allergic contact dermatitis. Use of the LLNA reduces and refines animal use for this purpose.				
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage		
Nomination by	January			
Sponsors	1998	-		
Peer Review Panel	September			
Meeting	1998	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel98.htm		
Peer Review Panel	February			
Report	1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/llna/llnarep.pdf		
Recommendations				
Made to Federal	February			
Agencies	1999	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel98.htm		
Adoption of OECD				
Test Guideline 429	July 2006	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg429.pdf		
Update Submitted to				
OECD Test				
Guideline 429	July 2009	-		
Update to OECD				
Test Guideline 429		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG429-		
adopted	July 2010	2010.pdf		

Updated LLNA Test Method Protocol (20% animal reduction)

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of allergic contact dermatitis. The ICCVAM-recommended revised protocol will **reduce** the number of animals used by 20% when the LLNA is used for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Peer Review Panel		
Meeting	March 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm
Peer Review Panel		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2008.
Report Published	May 2008	pdf
Update to OECD		
Test Guideline 429		
Submitted	July 2009	-
Recommendations		
Made to Federal	September	
Agencies	2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PerfStds.htm
Recommendations		
to U.S. Federal		
Agencies Accepted	March 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PerfStds.htm
Update to OECD		
Test Guideline 429		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG429-
Adopted	July 2010	2010.pdf

Development of Performance Standards for the Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of allergic contact dermatitis. Accepted performance standards will enable the development of new versions of the LLNA for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Draft Performance	September	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/llna/LLNAPerfStd12
Standards Published	2007	Sep07FD.pdf
Peer Review Panel	March	
Meeting	2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm
Peer Review Panel		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2008.
Report Published	May 2008	pdf
Update to OECD Test		
Guideline 429		
Submitted	July 2009	-
Recommendations		
Made to Federal	September	
Agencies	2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PerfStds.htm
Recommendations to		
U.S. Federal Agencies	March	
Accepted	2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PerfStds.htm
Update to OECD Test		
Guideline 429		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG429-
Adopted	July 2010	2010.pdf

Reduced Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (rLLNA)

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of allergic contact dermatitis. The reduced LLNA will reduce animal use for this purpose. Milestone Date **Document Link or Relevant Webpage** January http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llnadocs/CPSC LLNA **CPSC** Nomination 2007 nom.pdf Peer Review Panel March http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna PeerPanel.htm Meeting 2008 Peer Review Panel http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox docs/LLNAPRPRept2008. May Report Published 2008 pdf Update to OECD Test Guideline 429 Submitted (containing July rLLNA procedure) 2009 Recommendations Made to Federal Sept. 2009 http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna PerfStds.htm Agencies Recommendations to U.S. Federal Agencies March Accepted 2010 http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna PerfStds.htm Update to OECD Test http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG429-July Guideline 429 Adopted 2010 2010.pdf

Nonradioactive Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)

- LLNA:DA
- LLNA: BrdU detected by ELISA
- LLNA: BrdU detected by flow cytometry

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of allergic contact dermatitis. Nonradioactive version of the LLNA will refine and reduce animal use for this purpose by enabling more widespread use of the LLNA.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
CPSC Nomination	January 2007	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llnadocs/CPSC_LLNA_ nom.pdf
Peer Review Panel		
Meeting	March 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel08.htm
Peer Review Panel		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2008.
Report Published	May 2008	pdf
Revised Background		
Review Documents		
and ICCVAM		
Recommendations		
Published	March 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm
Second Peer Review		
Panel Meeting	April 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm
Second Peer Review		
Panel Report		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2009.
Published	June 2009	pdf
ICCVAM		
Recommendations		
on Nonradioactive		
LLNA: DA and		
LLNA: BrdU-		
ELISA Methods		
Transmitted to U.S.		
Federal Agencies	June 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna-NR.htm
New OECD Test		OECD TG 442A (DA):
Guidelines for the		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-
LLNA: DA and		TG442A.pdf
LLNA: BrdU-		OECD TG 442B (ELISA):
ELISA Methods	T 1 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-
Adopted	July 2010	TG442B.pdf

Use of the Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) for Testing Pesticide Formulations, Metals, Substances in Aqueous Solutions, and Other Products

Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of			
allergic contact	dermatitis. U	se of the LLNA will refine and reduce animal use for this purpose.	
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage	
	January	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llnadocs/CPSC_LLNA_nom	
CPSC Nomination	2007	.pdf	
Peer Review Panel	March		
Meeting	2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm	
Peer Review Panel			
Report Published	May 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2008.pdf	
Second Peer Review			
Panel Meeting	April 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm	

Second Peer Review		
Panel Report		
Published	June 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2009.pdf
ICCVAM		
Recommendations on		
the LLNA		
Applicability Domain		
Transmitted to U.S.		
Federal Agencies	June 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna-app.htm
Update to OECD Test		
Guideline 429		http://icessess.nicha.nih.com/Comp.Docs/EcdDocs/OECD/OECD TC 420
Adopted	July 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-TG429-
	-	2010.pdf

Use of the Murine Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) for Skin Sensitization Potency Categorization

	Skin sensitization testing identifies substances that may act as sensitizers and cause the development of allergic contact dermatitis. Use of the LLNA will refine and reduce animal use for this purpose.				
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage			
	January	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llnadocs/CPSC_LLNA_			
CPSC Nomination	2007	nom.pdf			
Peer Review Panel					
Meeting	March 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/immunotox/llna_PeerPanel.htm			
Peer Review Panel		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/immunotox_docs/LLNAPRPRept2008.			
Report Published	May 2008	pdf			
ICCVAM					
Recommendations	Anticipated				
Transmitted to U.S.	2011				
Federal Agencies					

Dermal Phototoxicity

Use of the In Vitro 3T3 NRU Phototoxicity Test

Dermal phototoxicity testing identifies substances that may increase skin sensitivity to light so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. Use of the *in vitro* 3T3 NRU phototoxicity test will **refine and reduce** animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
OECD Test Guideline 432	April	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg432.pdf
Issued	2004	

Dermal Absorption

In Vitro Method for Measuring Skin Absorption

Dermal toxicity testing identifies substances that may be poisonous when absorbed through the skin so that they may be appropriately labeled and packaged. Use of this test method may **reduce** animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
OECD Test Guideline 428	April	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECDtg428.pdf
Issued	2004	

Genetic Toxicity

Draft Test Guideline for the In Vitro Mammalian Cell Micronucleus Test

Genetic toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause DNA damage and increase risk of cancer or birth defects. Use of the *In Vitro* Mammalian Cell Micronucleus Test could reduce animal use for this purpose.

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Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Submission of ICCVAM	February	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/genetox/genetox.htm
Comments on Draft Test	2007	
Guideline to U.S. OECD		
National Coordinator		
Test Guideline 487 Adopted	July	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/OECD/OECD-
by OECD	2010	TG487.pdf

Developmental Toxicity

Frog Embryo Teratogenesis Assay: Xenopus (FETAX)

Developmental toxicity testing identifies substances that may cause birth defects so that they may be appropriately labeled. Use of FETAX could reduce or replace animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
EPA Nomination	May 1998	-
Background Review Document	March	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/development/dev.htm
Published	2000	
Expert Panel Meeting	May 2000	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/meetings/minutes/fetaxMin.pdf

Endocrine Disruptor

Evaluation of In Vitro ER and AR Binding and TA Assays

Endocrine disruptor testing identifies substances that may interfere with normal human and animal development. Use of *in vitro* tests could reduce animal use for this purpose in the EPA Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP).

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
EPA Nomination	April 2000	-
Expert Panel Meeting	May 2002	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_EPrpt.htm
Expert Panel Report	September 2002	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_EPrpt.htm
Background Review	October	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_bckgnd.htm
Documents Published	2002	
Test Method Evaluation	May 2003	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_TMER.htm
Report Published		
Addendum to Test Method	September	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/endo_docs/EDAddendFinal.pdf
Evaluation Report Published	2006	

Xenobiotic Detection Systems, Inc. LUMICELL® ER Assay Validation Study

Endocrine disruptor testing identifies substances that may interfere with normal human and animal development. Use of the LUMICELL® ER Assay could reduce animal use for this purpose in the EPA EDSP.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
LUMICELL® ER Assay Nomination	January	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/endodoc
	2004	s/ICCVAMSubmission28Jan05.pdf
Draft Pre-Screen Evaluation Released	August	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/endodoc
	2004	s/XDSeval2.pdf
Submission of the Standard Project	September	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/OECDd
Submission Form to the OECD Test	2007	ocs/LUMICELL/LUMICELL SPSF.pdf

Guidelines Program: Stably Transfected Transcriptional Activation Assay for the Detection of Estrogen		
Receptor Agonists and Antagonists		
Validation Study Initiated	November	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/end_eval
	2007	.htm
Peer Review of Draft Background	Anticipated	-
Review Document and Draft ICCVAM	2011	
Test Method Recommendations		

CertiChem Inc. MCF-7 Cell Proliferation Assay Evaluation

Endocrine disruptor testing identifies substances that may interfere with normal human and animal development. Use of the MCF-7 Cell Proliferation Assay could reduce animal use for this purpose in the EPA EDSP.

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Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
MCF-7 Cell	June 2004	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/endodocs/SubmDoc.pdf
Proliferation Assay		
Nomination		
Pre-Screen Evaluation	October	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/endodocs/CCiPrescreen
Released	2006	Eval.pdf
Validation Study	June 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine/ end_eval-CChem.htm
Initiated		
Peer Review of Draft	Anticipated	-
Background Review	2011	
Document and Draft		
ICCVAM Test Method		
Recommendations		

Pyrogenicity

In Vitro Pyrogen Test Methods

- The Human Whole Blood/IL-1 *In Vitro* Pyrogen Test
- The Human Whole Blood/ IL-1 *In Vitro* Pyrogen Test Using Cryopreserved Human Whole Blood
- The Human Whole Blood/IL-6 *In Vitro* Pyrogen Test (WB/IL-6)
- *In Vitro* Pyrogen Test Using Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMC/IL-6)
- An Alternative *In Vitro* Pyrogen Test Using the Human Monocytoid Cell Line MONO MAC 6 (MM6/IL-6)

Pyrogenicity testing is performed on products to be administered by injection to ensure that each lot of these products is free of substances that could induce a dangerous fever reaction. Use of these in vitro tests could replace animal use for this purpose.

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Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage				
		http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyrodocs/supp/				
Submission by ECVAM	June 2005	ecvampyro.pdf				
Peer Review Panel	February					
Meeting	2007	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyr_PeerPanel.htm				
Peer Review Panel Report						
Published	April 2007	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/pyrogen/PrRevPanFinRpt.pdf				
Final Background Review						
Document Published	October 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyr_brd.htm				
Test Method Evaluation						
Report Published	October 2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyr tmer.htm				

Recommendations to	November	
Federal Agencies	2008	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyrogen.htm
Acceptance of Test		
Methods by European		
Pharmacopeia	March 2009	
Acceptance by Federal		
Agencies	May 2009	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/pyrogen/pyrogen.htm

Biologics and Vaccines

Use of Humane Endpoints in Animal Testing of Biological Products and Rabies Vaccines

Animal testing of biological products and rabies vaccines is performed to ensure that each lot of these					
products is safe and effective. A USDA directive refines animal use for this purpose.					
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage			
USDA Directive	April	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/SuppDocs/FedDocs/USDA/CVB04-09.pdf			
Published	2004				

Alternative Methods for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing

Animal testing of botulinum toxin is performed to ensure that each lot of this product is safe and effective. An ICCVAM-sponsored workshop explored ways to reduce, refine, or replace animal use for this purpose.

Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage
Nomination by the	October	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/biologics/botdocs/HSUSnomLD50.pdf
Humane Society of	2005	
the United States		
Workshop Held	November	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/biologics/bot_workshop.htm
	2006	
Workshop Report	February	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/biologics-docs/BoNTwkshprept.pdf
Published	2008	

Alternative Methods for Animal Vaccine Potency and Safety Testing

Animal testing of animal vaccines is performed to ensure that each lot of these products is safe and effective. An						
ICCVAM-sponsored workshop will explore ways to reduce, refine, or replace animal use for this purpose.						
Milestone	Date	Document Link or Relevant Webpage				
Workshop Held	September 2010	http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/meetings/BiologicsWksp-				
		2010/BiologicsWksp.htm				
Workshop Report	April 2011	-				
Published						